In the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph at page 2, lines 1-7 as follows:

The membrane may be capable of transmitting light. For example, the membrane may comprise one or <u>more</u> channels for the transmission of light or may be optically transparent, preferably optically clear. The membrane material may be transparent to photons, e.g. high energy, visible or UV radiation. It is preferably malleable, so that it can be formed into shapes which focus, concentrate and direct light as desired. Thus, for example, the MEA may be in the form of a light waveguide or lens.